

# UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	Fri. February 22, 2008	<b>Time:</b>	11:00 – 12:30 pm	<b>Place:</b>	NeighborWorks Salt Lake 622 West 500 North
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<b>Members Present</b>	Pat Berckman Det. Trudy Cropper Judge Larry E. Jones Maria Garciaz Luther Gaylord Salvador Mendez	Narda Beas-Nordel Judge Leslie D. Brown Russ Van Vleet Manuel Romero Debbie Rocha
<b>Members Excused</b>	Shirlee Silversmith Gerry Oler	Michael D. Di Reda Huy Nguyen
<b>Members Absent</b>	Fotu Katoa, Kris Shaw	
<b>Staff &amp; Guest</b>	Staff: Reg Garff Cuong Nguyen	Guest: Christine Mitchell, CCJJ Benjamin Peterson, CCJJ Luz Gamarra, MSW Intern at DYS James Yapias

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman</b>
Notes	<b>Introductions</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pat Berckman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pat asked for review of the January 25, 2008 minute and approval.</li> <li><b>Debbie Rocha motioned to approve the January 25, 2008 meeting minutes. Maria Garciaz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</b></li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 2:</b>	<b>Update DMC Training - Cuong Nguyen</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong Nguyen presented a handout of the DMC Reduction Model and asked members familiarize themselves with the process as we update the 2005 Strategic Plan to include this model. We will use the FY07 RRI data to revise the plan.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 3:</b>	<b>Police Contact Survey – Christine Mitchell &amp; Benjamin Peterson, CCJJ</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the Police Contact Survey findings; Executive Summary of the study was handed out to DMC members. Refer to handout for specific details. Some highlights of the report relating to DMC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Contacts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-minorities reported a higher contact rate than minorities—30% for non-minorities vs. 22% for minorities. The difference was reduced for police-initiated contacts—13% for non-minorities compared to 11% for minorities.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Demographic characteristics and type of contact: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men were more likely to be the driver in a traffic stop and more than three times</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>as likely to be contacted by the police as part of a criminal investigation.</p> <p>b. Non-minority individuals were more likely to be the driver in a traffic stop than minorities, and were more likely to report a problem to the police. Minorities, however, were more than twice as likely to be contacted on suspicion of a crime.</p> <p>c. Among the 16 to 34 year olds, non-minority respondents were more than twice as likely to be the driver in a traffic stop. On the other hand, minority respondents in the 16 to 34 year old age group were almost three times as likely to report a contact in which they were a criminal suspect than the non-minority respondents of a similar age.</p> <p>3. Appropriateness of Police Behavior</p> <p>a. Police behavior was rated lower overall by minority respondents—81% of minorities vs. 89% of non-minorities said the police behaved appropriately. This was especially true in police-initiated contacts, where 72% of minorities gave favorable ratings compared to 85% for non-minorities.</p> <p>4. Arrest</p> <p>a. 40 individuals in the survey reported that they were arrested by the police during the past year (1.3%).</p> <p>b. Men, younger respondents, and minority respondents were more likely to report being arrested. Among 16 to 34 year olds, minority respondents were more than three times as likely to report an arrest as non-minorities of a similar age—more than half of the 40 total arrests were reported by minority 16 to 34 year old respondents.</p> <p>5. Police Search</p> <p>a. 8.6% (68 individuals) of those reporting a police contacts said that they were searched by the police (includes person or vehicle searches).</p> <p>b. Men, younger respondents, and minorities were more likely to report being searched. Among 16 to 34 year olds, minority respondents were almost three times as likely to report being searched as non-minority 16 to 34 year olds.</p> <p>6. Police Use of Force</p> <p>a. 6.8% (53 individuals) of those with a police contact reported that the police used force or threatened to use force during the contact.</p> <p>b. Men, younger respondents, and minorities were more likely to report that the police used force. Within the younger group (16 to 34), minority respondents were more than twice as likely to report that the police used force compared to non-minorities in this age group.</p> <p>c. 72% of the respondents who said that the police used force also said that they felt that the force was excessive. Younger individuals and minority respondents were more likely to report that the police use of force was excessive.</p> <p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>1. Cuong will email the full report to DMC members.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item 4:</b>	<b>POST – next step – All</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pat &amp; Reg have met and spoken with the new POST Director, Scott Stephenson. He was still interested in working with the DMC Committee to include scenarios of youth encounters with police officers.</li> <li>Share scenarios of youth experiences with law enforcement officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maria – NeighborWorks Salt Lake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distributed a self-answered survey by youth who participated in</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shirlee – Tribes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shirlee was excused due to working schedule conflict.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Debbie – JJS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distributed a self-answered survey by youth who participated in the program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Competency Literature Review – Manuel Romero <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ He believes that CC training as now implemented has not been shown as effective. He indicated he had traveled the state, surveying staff and people receiving the training. The response was that trained individual hasn't changed much because they had not practiced what was taught. He shared the Harvard's Study regarding this issue and concluded that Culture Diversity Training did not work.</li> <li>○ He indicated that during his interviews, staff members had expressed a desire to know more about the specific cultures found within their region (for example, people in Vernal wished to know more about the Native American culture found in their area).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a working committee to create scenarios of youth experiences with law enforcement officer. The final product will be passed on to POST for inclusion in their training. Cuong, Maria, Debbie, Manuel, Salvador volunteered for this working committee.</li> <li>• Cuong will scan and send to DMC members the self-answered survey.</li> </ul>
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<b>Agenda Item 5:</b>	<b>Racial Data Entry – Gerry Oler</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuong is working with Chris, CCJJ Research Director, and Audrey Hickert, Research Analyst, Utah Criminal Justice Center to collect data. The numbers are in and are being analyzed. Data are looking very good as we have collected the most up-to-date information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuong will study and present the findings to board at the next meeting.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 6:</b>	<b>DMC Survey Result – Cuong Nguyen</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuong give a summary of the survey sent out to DMC members seeking advice and direction for DMC Coordinator. The general responses were for DMC coordinator to follow through with what DMC Board has decided.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 7:</b>	<b>DMC Membership – Cuong Nguyen</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list was circulated asking members to update their contact information.</li> <li>• Went over the list to see who is current and who is not. Suggested to invite representative from Utah Ethnic Affair Office.</li> <li>• Invited the Honorable Judge Leslie D. Brown to continue to serve on the board and Judge Brown was gladly accepted the invitation.</li> <li>• Reg announced Paul H. Tsosie resigned. Huy Nguyen has changed his employment to Adult Probation/Parole Officer. The discussion was if Huy would still be interested to serve on the board? Reg will talk to Huy and ask for his opinion.</li> <li>• Luther Gaylord suggested having representative from defense attorney office. Luther</li> </ul>

	will forward a list of defense attorneys for board to decide who to invite.
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<b>Agenda Item 8:</b>	<b>Youth Summit – All</b>
Notes:	Moved to next month's meeting.

<b>Agenda Item 9:</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMC Mission Statement – Cuong distributed a draft mission statement to DMC members. Asked for their input and forward to Cuong for final formation.</li> </ul>

Meeting adjured at 12:30pm

#### Next Meeting

- Friday, March 28, 2008 from 11:00-12:30 p.m.
- Utah State Capitol Complex, Beehive Conference Center

**Meeting notes prepared by Cuong Nguyen, DMC Coordinator;**